

The winner of the 2005 Civic Award is Mrs Nora Schneider.

Nora is an incredible lady – she is well into her 80's and struggles with her mobility – yet she is still a governor at both John Rankin Infant and Junior Schools, where she has been on the governing bodies for 28 years. She was also a Governor at Falkland until 15 years ago, until the law was changed to say you could only be a Governor on a maximum of 2 schools. She attends school regularly to present awards and attend school functions. She was also on the post office User Council for many years until it was abolished and is still on the committee for Readibus and is Treasurer to St Nicolas Church.

The other nominees were

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| John Dawes | A hard worker for West Berks CAB for the last 18 years. He gives 9 hours a week to help people with a wide range of problems. He works from Newbury and also travels to Hungerford to provide CAB advice there. |
| Mrs Sheila Lane | Recently retired from the Management Committee of Home-Start West Berks after 7 years of chair and committee work. Sheila was instrumental in setting up the steering group in 1996 and went on to become chair in 1997. Her knowledge, enthusiasm, support, leadership, reliability and commitment have been invaluable to the development of the scheme. Sheila has willingly given her time to volunteers, staff and other management trustees whenever needed. |
| Mrs Iris Lloyd | Iris has been a loyal, hardworking adviser to the CAB since 1990. She gives 9 hours a week to help people with their problems, particularly in the area of debt advice. |
| Mrs Jean Main | Jean has worked at West Berks CAB for 17 years. She gives up one day a week to provide free, confidential advice, to those living in Newbury and the surrounding areas. |
| Mrs Sue Maule | Sue is the Branch Welfare Office of the Newbury & District MS Society. She began her volunteering career in early 1999, as a member of the welfare team, Sue is very active in helping people in need, she is most innovative in the way she finds alternative solutions and has great skills in digging out funds and working with others to resolve problems for her clients. Since 2003, Sue has led her welfare team with great enthusiasm and success, setting up a handyman service. Sue is also active in working on partnership groups such as for Carers Week, Brain Therapy and health professional networks. Tirelessly dedicated, a real achiever, humble and fun. |
| Mr Howard Peters | Howard has been a volunteer adviser at the CAB since 1985. During his long career, he has helped many residents of Newbury with a wide range of problems, particularly legal and employment issues. Howard's quiet commitment to the CAB is impressive as is his care and concern for those he helps. |

Mrs Angela Spellman	Angela has been the main organizer for the Mayor's Drive and Tea Party. In addition, Angela is Chairman of Age Concern Newbury (Fairclose Day Centre) at which she devotes a huge amount of her time to the benefit of our elderly population. She also attends holidays for elderly people as a Carer, without her, many elderly would be unable to take a holiday. Angela also does a vast amount of work for our community through her church.
Mrs Joy Taylor	Joy has been a CAB volunteer adviser for 22 years. Giving one day a week to help people with serious, sometimes devastating problems. Joy developed an expertise in the area of benefits, helping people to claim or appeal their entitlement. She became a real expert to the whole bureau, training other advisers and providing enthusiasm and encouragement in the very complex areas of the welfare benefit system.
Mrs Sally Treagus	Sally has devoted her life to helping family and friends with serious or terminal illness. In the main, caring for her father prior to his death, then her mother, her sister and currently her husband.
Mr Alan Vince	Alan has been a CAB volunteer adviser for 16 years. He is loyal and committed to helping the vulnerable members of our society, by providing advice and information to help them resolve their problems. His care for those he helps is genuine and valued.
Clive Williams	Clive has been involved in many different voluntary roles with particular emphasis with instructing. Helping or leading in the sport of canoeing. He is also well known for taking part in amateur dramatic productions. Clive became a Detachment Commander with the Newbury Army Cadets, using his expertise to help young people. He has trained and supported many crews for the 125 mile Devises to Westminster Canoe Race. He has been a corner stone to Newbury Canoe club – he has been chairman on three separate occasions. He has coached and helped many paddlers, young and old, whilst giving unstinting loyalty, energy and a vast amount of his personal time to the club to benefit others. Clive has helped to run slaloms and led teams to National Slalom Competitions. Finally, Clive is also chairman of the Newbury Carnival committee – a task which demands a great deal of time and energy.

Don't forget without the hard work off all these volunteers, Newbury wouldn't be the place it is today.